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## Interagency News Release

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### **Lightning Ignites Fires in Grand Teton National Park and Bridger-Teton National Forest**

Teton interagency fire personnel responded to fire reports in Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest on Thursday evening, August 9. The Emma Fire is located between Two Ocean and Emma Matilda Lakes in Grand Teton National Park and the Hardscrabble Fire is located approximately 6 miles south of Togwotee Pass in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

The Emma Fire likely began as a result of a thunderstorm that passed through the area earlier in the day on Thursday, and is burning in a mixed conifer forest. The Emma Fire is 3 acres in size and is minimally contained as of Friday morning. A fire report was received at about 6:00 p.m., Thursday evening, August 9, and was located by Teton Interagency fire personnel a short time later. An initial attack team consisting of three interagency firefighters reached the area at approximately 8:00 p.m. and began suppression efforts. Smokejumpers from Ogden, Utah arrived on Friday, August 10 to continue suppression efforts. In addition, an interagency contract helicopter began conducting water bucket drops on the fire today.

No structures are threatened at this time by the Emma Fire, but temporary trail closures are in effect. Trails have been closed in the immediate area around the fire, between Two Ocean and Emma Matilda Lakes, until the fire is contained.

The Hardscrabble Fire, believed to have been caused by lightning that passed through the area earlier in the week is approximately 40 acres in size and 0% contained. The fire is burning in a mixed conifer forest in an area with a high density of dead and drying fuels, primarily caused by beetle kill. The fire report was received at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, August 9. Resources assigned to the fire include 8 smokejumpers out of West Yellowstone, 1 interagency engine, 2 Shoshone National Forest engines, 1 interagency helicopter, an interagency fuels crew, and a local Type-3 team. Additional resources have been ordered including firefighting crews and a Type-1 helicopter.

The current fire danger rating has been increased to High for both Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest due to warmer temperatures and dryer conditions.

To report either smoke or a fire, please call 307.739.3630. For further information about fires in the greater Jackson Hole area, please contact Bridger-Teton National Forest at 307.739.5500 or visit [www.tetonfires.com](http://www.tetonfires.com).

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